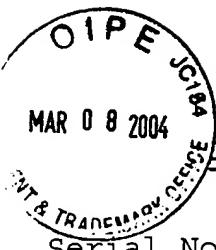


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Sir:

Yesterday, March 1, 2004, a response to an Office Action dated January 14, 2004, for the patent application identified above was dispatched to the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO"). However, yesterday's response was incomplete because, due to a clerical error, it omitted by a "Declaration of Brian Oh." To rectify that clerical error, transmitted herewith are:

1. a second full and complete, timely response to the January 14, 2004, Office Action which is word-for-word identical to that dispatched yesterday, March 1, 2004; together with
2. the original a "Declaration of Brian Oh."

Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established for this application by a previously submitted verified statement.

Applicants believe that no additional fee is required for filing the accompanying response.

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Response Dated March 2, 2004

Reply to Office Action Dated January 14, 2004

It appears that this response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2004, is being timely filed. However, if this response is deemed not to be timely filed, then pursuant to the relevant provision of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, the Applicants hereby conditionally petition for an extension of time sufficient to make the response timely.

If any additional fee is due, the Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any surplus in the enclosed fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0735. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed herewith.

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